**2016-11-05 Cycling UK in Scotland Infrastructure Safari, Edinburgh** 20mins ride 2.4miles

Start/Finish Nicholson Square - Start/Finish point - \*Martin\* to marshall the riders, get names and emergency contact details of riders and do a short briefing. \*Leave 9.45 Return by 11\*

**Route Audit points:**

Lots of unfriendly drivers. Busy streets and lots of pedestrians crossing at will. Be tolerant.

Take care where you stop so that safe and way is not blocked

**To Teviot Place**:

Nicolson Square is one-way - remember when we get back.

Right turn sign “Buses and cycles only”

Painted Cycle lane - watch out for give-way filter into traffic from right after traffic lights and turn off onto pavement just before next lights

Congregate at top west-side of Middle Meadow Walk by cafe?

**1. Teviot Place** - good and bad features, and explanation of our route ahead **5mins - Peter**

A challenging traffic triangle for cyclists.
Forrest Rd - Spokes’ Annual Traffic Count - 8 till 9 211 bikes 26% of traffic

Dangerous: Dedicated cycle crossing from MMW to Forrest Rd but traffic coming round from right.

Exposed lanes in middle of traffic lanes on Teviot Place and Bristo Place

Middle Meadow Walk – mention but cover at stop 2

We’ll follow Sustrans National Route 1 to Inncocent Railway Path

Middle Meadow Walk - note how pedestrians and cyclists tend to keep to own sides.

Watch out for give way/cross roads half-way down.

Traffic counter

Turn left at bottom of hill - busy cross-roads and past tennis courts to view newly-laid cycle path on right.

Stop on Meadows grass - don’t block cycleway.

**2. The Meadows** - new link to Melville Drive (Burroughlock Walk or the left fork?) and the Innocent Link ahead - **Shane** - 5 mins

New link route added 2016? Toucan at South End but not cycle-friendly signs.

Continue to end of North Meadow Walk.

This is start of Meadows/Innocent link - Edinburgh’s first on-road segregated cycle route, completed 2016? Comments about it?

Cross Toucan to East side for cycleway North to Gifford Park.

Stop at Gifford Park murals where Hilary will tell us how they came to be there.

**3. Gifford Park** - the Mural - background - **\*Hilary\*** - 5mins

Cross to Rankeillor Street and again to St.Leonard’s

**4. St. Leonard's** - **Peter** - 1 minute

Police station mentioned in Ian Rankin’s “Rebus” novels.

Segregated cycle route has same priority as adjacent motor traffic - ie stop to allow pedestrians to cross at Hermit’s Croft.

Left into Hermit’s CRoft and right to Innocent Tunnel.

 **5. Innocent Tunnel** - Arthur’s Seat - National Route where it goes from here , how it happened, etc - **Shane** - 2 mins

Return along St Leonard’s Bank and turn off right (straight ahead) on old Route 1 (still signed!) along St.Leonard’s Hill and get the feel of some cobbles.

Left up Bowman Place and cross onto pavement on right to Toucan over to East Cross Causeway

Note cycle contraflow in opp direction and shared use signs on pavement.

Filtered permeability at West end of E Crosss Causeway - Toucan to cross to West CC.

Continue to West end of West Cross Causeway and stop at island where Philip will be waiting to give talk.

**6. West Cross Causeway** - The Causey Project etc - **Philip** to give

background to the proposals/options - 5 mins?

Careful turning right across Buccleuch St - shouldn’t be too busy. Painted cycle lane runs out at roadworks. 2nd right into Nicolson Square at traffic lights with “Bus and Cycles only” sign. **Remember Nicolson Sq is one way!**